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The same to you and many of them.

Barre shopkeepers and their employees may well feel that they have gone "over the top."

The dear public is following the watchful waiting policy—waiting for the consignments of sugar to town.

If at a loss to know what to buy for a Christmas present, there's the U. S. thrift stamp attached to a neat card.

A certain publication which has suspended "for the duration of the war" may have a hard time resuming when the war ceases.

The news from the Italian front is more cheering, even though the success for Italian arms is of comparatively small consequence.

Much as we Americans admire republics, we do not look with extreme pleasure on that threatened French-Canadian republic in the Province of Quebec.

It looks as if Vermont will show the nation again that it is not a slacker, when the returns from the Red Cross are completely reported. The state is doing well. Let's keep it up.

The failure of the much advertised German offensive to start on the western front lends some color to the story that the huge Krupp munitions plant is partially destroyed by fire.

A Montpelier youth coasted under a railroad train; an Enosburg Falls girl coasted into the Missisquoi river. Manifestly, one of the pleasures of youth needs a more strict regulation to prevent the participants from getting into peril.

That the Trotsky bunch is feeling a bit shaky in Russia is indicated by the vehement statement of Trotsky that it may be necessary after all for Russians to fight German autocracy. Perhaps the Bolshevik government is seeing the handwriting on the wall.

One of the best signs of a reawakening China is the announcement that the legislative council in Hong-Kong has sent a \$50,000 relief fund to Halifax. When a people reach the state of mind in which they are capable of having broad human sympathies there is a great deal of encouragement.

Sleighting is said to have vanished in the villages in the southern part of Vermont. One hundred miles make a big difference, for we in this latitude (meaning central Vermont) are still reveling in an unusual depth of snow in roads as well as in the fields. And we think we are rather reasonable, too.

That Central Vermont grade crossing just north of the Three-Mile bridge between Montpelier and Middlesex ought to have been eliminated while the road was being rebuilt last summer. It is the cause of no end of worry to drivers of all kinds of vehicles, and now it has claimed a double toll of human lives.

The White River Junction Landmark is the third Vermont newspaper to announce within a few weeks a raise in the subscription price, and it has, in addition, increased its advertising rates. The publishers of Vermont are feeling the pinch of the high cost of getting out a newspaper fully as much as the publishers in the larger places which are near to the sources of supplies. Now, on top of the other handicaps, there is danger of an ink shortage.

It would not be the most surprising thing if the United States government should take over some of the largest hostilities in the White mountains in order to use them for hospitals for convalescent soldiers brought back from the war front. It all depends on whether the rush of the returning wounded goes beyond the limits of large hotels already erected in a more salubrious climate of the winter time. These large hotel structures are the most practicable for hospital work; in fact, can be turned into hospitals at the earliest possible time.

A full and fair trial of Rev. Charles H. Waldron of Windsor, who has been accused of disloyal acts toward the United States, is all the people of Vermont wish for. They desire that Rev. Mr. Waldron be given a chance to state his side of the case, that to be weighed against the evidence to be submitted by the government. Fair and unbiased judgment should be the final act of the trial. There is no need of hysteria on the part of the people, and it would be a serious reflection on the state if the case is not decided on the merits of the evidence presented.

## A BLOODY CHRISTMAS.

With approximately one-half the world now engaged in a bloody struggle and with a large part of the remaining neutral section trembling in the balance, Christmas, 1917, finds but a poor exemplification of that doctrine of "Peace on



Silk shirts of the \$5 quality have certainly broken into the holiday present class.

Good selection here in the color and style that will embellish any Christmas stocking.

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### A Merry Christmas to All

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earth, good will toward men." The original entente allies have been joined from time to time since the opening of the war by other nations until, at the present time, one billion and a quarter people are embroiled on that side, as against approximately 177,000,000 persons in the so-called central powers. These figures do not represent the fighting strength of the contending forces by any means because some of the nations arrayed against Germany are virtually as nearly at peace as they usually are, although nominally at war. For instance, the counting of China on the side of the entente allies brings the total up considerably albeit that nation is really non-combatant. But the sum total of the belligerent people is sufficiently large to shake the entire world. It is indeed a bloody Christmas. Yet it is not without hope. The coming year may see the dethronement of Mars and the slow subsidence of the war passion. So in the gloomy outlook of the present let us look forward hopefully to Christmas, 1918.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Coal, Present and Future.

Such relief as is now in sight for New England to help offset the coal shortage here must probably be taken as typical of two facts. It gives evidence of the general principle which men are justified in remembering, that the nation is in no dire famine of coal, such as a country like Italy, without great supplies of its own, has been required to face. The United States has its great coal fields and its transportation facilities and, however heavily these may be taxed, ways can be found, it appears, to relieve a section's shortage when the demand becomes sufficiently critical. This much may be taken as a basis of confidence.

forestalling all useless panic. As second consideration, the present advent of relief is probably typical also and less happily of the manner in which several successive crises of this kind will arise, the demand become irresistible and supplies be doled out to meet it. Obviously such a car-to-furnace existence means a condition far from the best that could be imagined.

There will be no profit, however, in neglecting its exigencies merely for the sake of a careless optimism. On the contrary two very clear responsibilities rise out of it. On the one hand, the public must appreciate possible economy of fuel. On the other hand, the representatives of the government and of all agencies public and private must be able to certify that no remediable condition is left unremedied. They must prove that the country is rapidly progressing toward an efficiency of organization at the mines and on the rail and water routes which if it cannot altogether wipe out the margin of shortage is none the less establishing such speed of movement and such correct ordering of priority shipments that all the critical needs of the country shall be safely met. Only so can the day be hastened when the public shall know that so far as the essential demands of the country are concerned the car-to-furnace state of affairs has been brought to an end and something like prudent surety and ready reserves set up in its place.—Boston Transcript.

## Jimmie the Joker.

"Jimmie!"  
 "What, mother?"  
 "Where are you?"  
 "In the kitchen."  
 "What are you doing?"  
 "Pulling the leaves off the calendar."  
 "Why in the world are you doing that?"  
 "Just for pastime."—Judge.

## Vanity Fair.

Across the Hall—Say, Bill, can I borrow your dress suit?  
 Back Again—Sure. Why the formal-ity?  
 The Other One—Well, I couldn't find it.

## WILLIAMSTOWN

After Jan. 1, 1918, and continuing for three months, or till April 1, the library will not be open on Wednesday, but only on Saturdays, afternoon and evening. This action is made necessary by the shortage of fuel. Those having books due for return on Wednesday, Jan. 2, may return them to the library on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton R. Spencer are guests at W. H. Stewart's for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Spencer is a teacher in the Holderness school at Plymouth, N. H.

Erskine Jeffords of Syracuse university is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Jeffords.

George Brigham, for some time past in the employ of the Jones & Lamson Machine Co. of Springfield, and who has lately returned from an extended stay in France and Russia in the interest of this firm, is a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Smith.

Those pupils in the grammar room who, by attaining an average in daily recitations of over 90 per cent, are excused from final examinations are as follows: Eighth grade, Barbara Boucher, Isabel Kynoch, Robert Kynoch, Irene Wright, Seventh grade, Gertrude Jeffords, Jessie Downs, Harrison Seaver, Ellsworth Morgan, Wendell Waldo, Sixth grade, Raymond McCloud, Rollin Bruce, Warren Covell. The following have to take but one examination: Cornelius Irons, Robert Nichols, Wayne Farnham, Merle Wood, Irene Molinari, Doris Wright, Miss Cora C. Kennedy, teacher.

Jason E. Martin, who is now employed in Hartford, Conn., is at home for a few days, as is also his daughter, Gladys R. Martin, who is teaching at East Warren.

A union Christmas service was held in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, with an appropriate sermon by the pastor, Rev. John Irons. Scripture reading and prayer were by Rev. George W. Keeling, pastor of the M. E. church. Two selections were given by the ladies' quartet, without accompaniment. The quartet is composed of Mrs. Leon McAllister, Mrs. A. A. Reed, Mrs. A. H. Jewett and Mrs. W. B. Jones. The opening selection was by the men's chorus, led by J. H. Walbridge. Attendance, 102.

Christmas trees are to be held in both the Congregational and Methodist churches this (Monday) evening, with exercises by the children.

An audience of 100 persons listened with much pleasure to the cantata, "The Star of the East," last Sunday evening in the Congregational church. This was by request repeated from last year, with a slightly smaller chorus. The cantata was written specially for Christmas, and the chorus was directed by George H. Goodrich, with Mrs. Ada Reed as organist and George L. Simons, violinist. An offering was taken for the work of the Y. M. C. A.

The students that are attending school

at Goddard, Montpelier seminary and Brigham academy, are at home for the Christmas holidays. These include Mona McKee, Alice Wright, Lena Seaver, Worth Jeffords, Edna Waldo, Gilliam Irons, Elmore Marr, Ruth Martin, Doris Covell, Richard Martin and Francis Irons. James Marr is at home from U. V. M. at Burlington.

## LIEUT. BROWNSON DEAD.

Vermont Man Was in Many Battles of the Civil War.

Burlington, Dec. 24.—Lieut. Leonard I. Brownson died suddenly of heart failure Saturday morning at 469 South Union street. He formerly, and for many years resided in Hinesburg, but for the past few years had lived in this city during the summers, and spent his winters with a son in Havana, Cuba. He was born Aug. 31, 1842. Lieutenant Brownson was a veteran of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Middlebury company of the First Vermont and was present in the battle at Big Bethel, Va. He was in all the battles of the old Vermont brigade until wounded in the head on May 5, 1864, the first day of the battle of the Wilderness. After the war, upon the re-organization of the National Guard, he was made captain of the Hinesburg company, in the First regiment.

He married Miss Alice Kenyon of Hinesburg, who died in 1894. Three children were born to them, all of whom survive him, namely: Miss Etta L. Brownson of this city, Leonard E. Brownson of Havana, Cuba, and Earl L. Brownson of Rochester, N. Y.

Lieut. Brownson was a member of No. 37, Cummings post, G. A. R., of the Vermont Commandery, Military Order of Loyal Legion.

## A Fat One.

She—Of course you will want the ring back.

He—No, you may as well keep it—no other girl of my acquaintance could wear it except on her thumb.—Judge.

## Not as Yet.

"The Village Blacksmith" is a classic.

"Well?"

"But so far the garage keeper hasn't inspired any sentimental poetry."—Kansas City Journal.

## We Get You, Reginald.

"And for three days and three nights," read the modest young curate, "Jonah was in—er—in the society of the whale."—Boston Transcript.

## EAST BARRE.

Moving pictures in opera house Tuesday night, Dec. 25, 8 o'clock. Special Christmas program. Admission, 10 cents and one cent war tax—adv.

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